

## Cary Amateur Radio Club – Meeting Notes – April 25, 2019

- President Larry announced to the Club that Reid Whitten's (AB4W) had recently suffered a stroke. Larry was glad to see that he had evidently recovered, as he stopped by the Club table at the RARS Fest.
- Meeting notes from the March meeting were read and approved
- Treasurer's Report revealed a balance in the Club's account of \$6,744.08
- Annual dues of \$10 were now payable for the 2019-2020 Club year.
- The RARS Fest at the State Fair Grounds on March 20 was attended by at least three Club members. From its 3 rented tables CARC sold \$321 worth of donated legacy Equipment. Members reported a surprising number of vendors, but slimmer crowds than seen in the past.
- The Durham Fest would be held in the Durham Public Schools Staff Development Center, 2107 Hillandale Road on May 25, 2019
- The 2019 ARRL Hamvention is scheduled for May 17 – 19, 2019 in the Greene County Expo Center in Xenia, Ohio
- The Boy Scout Radio Merit Badge Class for Troop 356 has been scheduled for June 8, 2019, in the Holly Springs UMC from 1:00 – 5:00 PM. Club members instructing the Scouts plan to arrive before noon to loft an antenna and test equipment. Tom Schwartz (NC4TS), John Metsger (N5ENH) and Jim Williams (W4VCF) all help with the class, and more were invited to participate.
- Field Day is now planned for June 21 – 22 at Woodhaven Baptist Church, 4000 Kildaire Farm Rd. Planning to participate were Tom Schwartz, Larry Schroeder, Roger Brower, Earl High, John Metsger and Jim Williams. Individual assignments were to be made during the May 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting of the Club. Two stations were planned, with antennas to be raised Friday morning June 21 and pre-operations to begin at 9:00AM on Saturday, June 22. With on-air activity to begin at 2:00PM, Field Day will run until 5 o'clock PM
- The CARC 2019 SwapFest will be held on July 20<sup>th</sup>, again in Ritter Park in Cary. Flyers will be available at the May Club meeting, when volunteers for all assignments will be solicited.

Following a short break, Jim Williams made an excellent presentation on "The Basic Dipole Antenna". His slides and discussions covered the construction and installation of a dipole antenna, and the differences between the basic, off center feed, G5RV and random length dipoles.

There being no further business, the April, 2019 meeting of the CARC was adjourned.